This semester I will be researching the topic of the Latest 2011 National Basketball Association (NBA) financial dispute, or lockout as it was called. I will be refining the topic to a question based on two parts. The question is *How did the NBA lockout occur and how was it resolved?* This question will further help me understand what had happened to the league at the near end of the previous season, and what was undergoing while in the off season.

Basketball is my favorite sport and I enjoy participating in the spectating role of it to. When I heard of the NBA lockout I had no idea what was happening, and why the season start was postponed. This topic question will allow me to understand the financial business behind dealing with my favorite players and clubs. I hated waiting for the problem to be solved as the ordeal drew into the sports regular season. I am rather passionate about the sport, and seeing owners of clubs and managers of the league arguing about money makes me disappointed, especially when they could not make a deal with one another.

If there was a way for me to directly contact the people involved with the dispute I would gladly use that as my base of research, but I gather that the information that I do gather will be secondary, mainly from internet websites and articles. As the topic is quite new, I doubt that many books would have any information that would be considered useful. However I believe that if it were possible for me to find a magazine with the correct info, it may benefit my research.